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SUBJECT: Variance to the Written Agreement Handbook, Exhibit 13 Similar
Crop Chart: Green Peas, Processing Beans, and Processing Sweet
Corn

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New written agreement requests for counties without actuarial documents (XC) may rely on the ability of the producer to provide production history of a similar crop if they had not previously produced the minimum number of years of the requested crop. Section 3C (1) (b) 3 e of the Written Agreement Handbook states, "The Similar Crop Chart, exhibit 13, may be used as a guide to identify similar crops."

For Southeastern Idaho, barley will now be a qualifying similar crop for green peas.

Also, previously approved was Processing sweet corn as a qualifying similar crop for processing beans and processing beans as a qualifying similar crop for processing sweet corn.

Until such time exhibit 13 is updated with these similar crop designations, please note the above additions. Feel free to contact the Spokane Regional Office if you have any questions.



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